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SUBJECT: 34TH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION--HUMAN RIGHTS
IN CHILE, DRAFTING GROUP REACTIONS

REF: 1. STATE 49696, 2. GENEVA 3033, 3. GENEVA 3014

1. FURTHER TO REF. 2, BOTH UK AND SWEDISH MEMBERS OF
DRAFTING GROUP HAVE EXPRESSED TO US THEIR DISMAY AT USG
DECISION NOT TO CO-SPONSOR, WHICH THEY SAY WOULD BE SEEN
AS A VICTORY FOR THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT. BOTH DELEGATIONS
HAVE TOLD US THAT THEY WOULD MAKE DEMARCHES IN WASHINGTON
TODAY SEEKING A REVERSAL.

2. TWO NGO OBSERVERS PRESENT AT THE HRC, THE WORLD
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES AND THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
OF CHRIST IN THE USA, HAVE LEARNED OF U.S. DECISION NOT
TO CO-SPONSOR AND ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR DISMAY AND
DISAPPOINTMENT.

3. IN VIEW OF DELAY IN SUBMISSION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION
ALLANA'S CLOSING STATEMENT (REF. 3 PARA 5) WILL PROBABLY
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BE MADE BEFORE DRAFT RESOLUTION CIRCULATED. THE
SUGGESTION WHICH HE INTENDS TO PUT FORWARD, THAT THE
WORKING GROUP MEET WITH THE GOC DELEGATION TO DISCUSS
PROCEDURES, MAY SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER ATMOSPHERE IN WHICH
DRAFT RESOLUTION WILL BE PRESENTED AND DEBATED.

4. COMMENT: USDEL REGARDS COMPROMISE LANGUAGE REPORTED

REF 2., TO WHICH CUBA HAS AGREED, AS CONSTITUTING A CONCESSION ON THE PART OF CUBA AND AN ADVANCE IN INTRODUCING NEW IMPORTANT REGIONAL ELEMENT INTO UN RESOLUTIONS ON CHILEAN HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. BECAUSE THE INCLUSION OF THE NEW PREAMBULAR PARAGRAPH IS CONTINGENT UPON U.S. CO-SPONSORSHIP AND BECAUSE OF REACTIONS OF UK, SWEDEN AND NGO'S DESCRIBED ABOVE, USDEL RECOMMENDS DEPT SHOULD REVIEW ITS DECISION NOT TO CO-SPONSOR DRAFT RESOLUTION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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